

REPORTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON ROADS AND CANALS.

JANUARY 30, 1827.

Read twice, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House, to which is committed the bill authorizing a subscription to the Stock in the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company.

A BILL

To amend and explain an act entitled "An act confirming an act of the Legislature of Virginia, incorporating the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, and an act of the State of Maryland, for the same purpose."

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That*
3 the assent already given by the United States to the charter
4 of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, by an act of
5 Congress entitled An act confirming an act of the Legislature
6 of Virginia, entitled an act incorporating the Chesapeake and
7 Ohio Canal Company, and an act of the State of Maryland
8 confirming the same, shall not be impaired by any change of
9 the route of the said Canal, from or above the town of Cum-
10 berland on the river Potomac, or the distribution thereof into
11 two or more sections, at any time hereafter, or any change
12 in the dimensions of that part of the present Eastern section,
13 extending from Cumberland, or the mouth of Wills' creek, to
14 the mouth of Savage, at the base of the Allegany, or any sub-
15 stitution which the interest of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal

16 Company may, in the opinion of the Company, require to be
 17 made, of inclined planes, rail ways, or an artificial for a
 18 continued Canal, through the Alleghany mountain, in any
 19 route, which may be by the Company finally adopted therefor,
 20 between the town of Cumberland and the river Ohio.

1 **SEC. 2.** *And be it further enacted,* That, to obviate any
 2 possible ambiguity that might arise in the construction of the
 3 second section of the act of Congress aforesaid, by that act
 4 designed to be given to the States of Maryland and Virginia,
 5 or to any company incorporated by either or both of those
 6 States, to extend a branch from the said Canal, or to prolong
 7 the same from the termination thereof by a continuous canal,
 8 within, or through the District of Columbia, towards the Ter-
 9 ritory of either of those States, shall be deemed and taken to
 10 be as full and complete, in all respects, as the authority
 11 granted by that act to the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Com-
 12 pany, to extend the main stem of the said Canal within the
 13 said District, or the authority reserved to the Government of
 14 the United States to provide for the extension thereof on
 15 either, or both sides of the river Potomac, within the District
 16 of Columbia: *Provided,* That nothing, herein contained, shall
 17 impair the restriction in the charter of the Chesapeake and
 18 Ohio Canal Company, designed to protect the Canal from inju-
 19 ry, by the prolongation thereof, or by any branch therefrom.